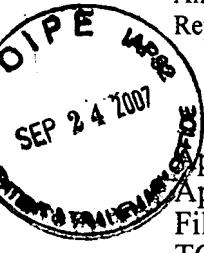


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The three month period for responding to the Office action mailed May 16, 2007 in the above-referenced patent application ended August 16, 2007. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition for a one month extension of time, up to and including September 16, 2007 to respond to the Office action. In response to the Office Action of May 16, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper, and include both a marked-up version and a clean version of a Substitute Specification.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including both a marked-up version and a clean version of a Substitute Specification is attached following page 31 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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